



Welcomes You to 6th Grade

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to Young Americans Christian School. We are excited that you have chosen YACS for your child's Christian education. Welcome to the YACS family!

Sixth grade is an exciting year with the transition to middle school and seven class changes. More is expected of the student in personal learning, personal responsibility, personal organization, and management of assignments. Homework increases, and students become more socially focused with a heightened sense of curiosity in 6th grade.

There will be an **orientation meeting** for both parents and students on August 2nd at 8:00 am in the auditorium. Students will have an opportunity to meet their homeroom teachers, get their schedules, and locate their lockers, which will help them tremendously in this transition to middle school.

Sixth grade classes include 6th grade Math, World Geography, Earth Science, Literature and Vocabulary, Writing and Grammar, Bible, and electives.

6th grade Progress in Mathematics is intended to provide mastery of number sense, including place value, fractions, decimals, and percents. Students will be introduced to pre-algebraic concepts and explore a deeper level of geometry. Students will be guided along to solve real-world problems and better understand how math is used in everyday life.

In World Geography, students will have an in-depth study of Latin America, the Caribbean, Canada, Europe, and Australia, while studying the earth, its people, and its resources as God created them.

In Literature, students will study concepts of critical reading and be introduced to a variety of literary devices. Students will also explore different genres and literary styles within works such as the following: *Golden Goblet*, *The Westing Game*, *Single Shard*, *Bronze Bow*, *Gifted Hands*, *Roman Conspiracy*, *Sent*, and *Incredible Journey*. Students will improve vocabulary and critical thinking skills.

The Grammar and Writing course is designed to enhance students' grammar and writing

skills. Students will be able to identify various grammar rules, gain a clear understanding of grammar usage, and compose an assortment of writing assignments in MLA format including essays and research papers.

In 6th grade Bible, students will get an overview of both the Old and New Testaments, with an emphasis for the year on the New Testament. The curriculum by Purposeful Design will focus on God's plan as students work through the Bible, which will allow them to truly understand the sequence of Biblical events and how the Old Testament impacts the New Testament. Students will also learn to use their Bibles and be able to quote the books of the Bible from Matthew to Revelation. Most weeks students will be memorizing a Bible verse. PE will be offered each week in conjunction with Bible.

The focus of 6th grade science is Earth Science and covers a myriad of topics, including meteorology, astronomy, plate tectonics, and water systems. Students will also learn about our solar system and space exploration. 6th graders have the opportunity to participate in SpaceCamp at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama March 20-22, 2024. Approximate cost: \$500-550. This fee is for adult chaperones and students. Please look for more information to be sent out at a later date.

6th graders will take an elective each semester, such as Art, Band, Drama, Life Skills, or Logic/Games. Elective choices could change for second semester. These electives will offer students a variety of experiences in various subject areas.

Young Americans looks forward to working hand in hand with you to cultivate your student to be academically successful and to grow to be a light in the world for Christ.

Sincerely,

Terry Shelnett

Middle and High School Principal

Supply List for 6th Grade

You may choose to get a three-ring binder for each class or one large three-ring trapper keeper with folders for all classes. A homework folder will be provided for all middle school students. Organization is key! All students will need access to a computer, the Internet, and a printer outside of school. Sixth through twelfth grade students are required to bring their own personal laptop or chromebook to school each day. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged electronic devices. Students are required to have access to a printer outside of school. Students are not permitted to print assignments at school. One warning will be provided. Further violations will result in a 10 point deduction for any assignment printed at school.

Please purchase the following items for the 6th grade:

- Chromebook or laptop is required (access to a printer outside of school)
- 1 Large or 2 small spiral notebooks with folder inserts (pockets) - **Math, Geography, Science (3 total)**
- 3 Composition notebooks (no spiral) - **Bible, Grammar**
- 1 inch 3 ring binder - **Bible**
- Notebook paper (college ruled)
- Pocket folder - **Literature, Math**
- Colored pencils
- Choice of colored pen for grading and editing (Not black or yellow)
- 2 highlighters (different colors)
- Pencils and Blue and black pens
- 3 Jumbo book covers
- NIV Bible
- Post-It Notes - **Literature**
- TI30X11S Calculator (please get this exact model calculator) - **Math**
- One box of individually wrapped candy (no gum or chocolate please) - **Science**
- Clorox wipes - **Science**
- One bottle of hand sanitizer and one box of tissues - **Homeroom**